

#### § 281.4

and if operating costs for said period were reduced to a minimum in accordance with sound commercial practice.

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#### § 281.4 Treatment of subsidy during idle status and off-hire period.

During an idle status period, subsidy shall be payable only for such subsidizable items of expenses as are determined by the Maritime Administrator, after presentation by the operator of the facts relating to such idle status period, to be necessary for the maintenance, preservation, repair, or husbanding of the vessel during and under the circumstances involved; however, the Maritime Subsidy Board reserves the right to suspend at any time the payment of subsidy on idle vessels when, after consideration of the facts and circumstances regarding such period, it determines that an unreasonable period has elapsed or such idle period was not warranted: *Provided*, That as to a chartered ship operated under a "Use Agreement", operating-differential subsidy shall cease to accrue to the ship simultaneously with the time it goes "off hire" and subsidy shall not again accrue to said ship until it is re-employed in the subsidized service as determined in accordance with § 281.3. Nothing herein shall limit any other rights of the United States with respect to the payment or nonpayment of subsidy.

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#### § 281.5 Right of Maritime Administrator to recover subsidy for any period of idleness.

The Maritime Administrator may, prior to payment of subsidy for any voucher period which includes a period of idleness, require the operator to establish to the satisfaction of the Maritime Administrator that such period of idleness could not have been prevented in whole or in part through efficient and economical operation. The Maritime Administrator may recover any payment of subsidy for any item of expense allocable to such period of idleness which in the opinion of the Maritime Administrator could have been

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avoided by efficient and economical operation.

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#### § 281.6 Interpretation.

All questions of interpretation arising under the sections of this part shall be submitted to the Maritime Administrator for determination, whose decision thereon shall be final.

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### PART 282—OPERATING-DIFFERENTIAL SUBSIDY FOR LINER VESSELS ENGAGED IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN THE FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES

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#### Subpart A—Introduction

##### § 282.1 Purpose.

This part prescribes regulations implementing Title VI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1171–1176 and 1178–1181) governing operating-differential subsidy for liner vessels engaged in essential services in the foreign commerce of the United States.